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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 16, 2004, in which the three month shortened statutory period for responding thereto is extended from July 16, 2004 to August 16, 2004 by a simultaneously filed request for a one-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate extension of time fee, reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.